

December 2025 Bulletin
Palo Alto Elks Lodge #1471



Palo Alto Elks Lodge #1471
A Member of the California Hawaii Elks Association - West Central District

Exalted Ruler's Message

By Amy Love

As the holiday season begins and we prepare to close the books on another calendar year, December feels like a perfect moment for both reflection and anticipation. It has been my honor to serve as your Exalted Ruler for a second time. This has been an incredibly rewarding experience.

Looking back at this past year, I am filled with pride at what we, as a collective, have accomplished.

Camaraderie and Inclusion: The sense of camaraderie within the Lodge has never felt stronger. It has been important to me to ensure that our Lodge is a genuinely inclusive and welcoming space where every member feels valued, excited to participate, and a place people want to be.

Commitment to Charity: I am incredibly proud of our commitment to charity work this year. Through our local grants, community drives, and support for our veterans, these selfless efforts remind the community and us what the Elks are all about.

Membership Growth: Equally rewarding has been watching our membership grow and our circle expand, allowing us to make new friends that will last a lifetime.

Our Staff: Thank you to our exceptional staff, who truly are the heart of our Lodge. Thank you for operating as a family and ensuring everything runs smoothly.

Our Officers: To our dedicated officers, thank you for the careful, often unseen work of managing the ongoing business and upholding our traditions.

Our Members: And to our members, thank you for generously contributing your time and, above all, your friendship, which forms the core of our community.

Looking Ahead

As we approach the new year, we will soon begin the important process of electing our next core of officers. My greatest hope is that we carry this momentum forward.

Thank you for showing up, for volunteering, and for keeping the spirit of our Lodge alive and thriving. I wish you and your families a joyous and peaceful holiday season.



December Events

- 5th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 5th **Holiday Movie Night** - Showing **Elf** in the Grand Ballroom at 6:30
- 7th **Elks Memorial Service 11:00**
- 11th Advisory Board Meeting at 6:00
Lodge Meeting at 7:00
- 12th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 14th **Gingerbread House Party** 3-5:00
- 14th **Elks Book Club** at 7:00
- 15th House Committee Meeting at 6:00
- 16th Trustee Meeting at 6:00
- 20th **Annual Hoop Shoot** Starts at 10:00
- 19th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 25th **Merry Christmas** ~ Lodge Closed
- 26th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 31st **New Year's Eve**
- 1st **New Year's Day 2026**





Lodge Officers 2025-2026

- Exalted Ruler..Amy Love, PER
(amy.love@paloaltoelks.org)
- Leading Knight.....Phil Tomac
(phil.tomac@paloaltoelks.org)
- Loyal Knight.....Krista Kobeski
(krista.kobeski@paloaltoelks.org)
- Lecturing Knight.....Geoff Williamson
(geoff.williamson@gmail.com)
- Lodge Secretary.....Lyla Phelps
(secretary@paloaltoelks.org)
- Treasurer.....Suresh Nair
(suresh.nair@paloaltoelks.org)
- Tiler.....Sandra Barbieri
(sandiekhanson@gmail.com)
- Esquire.....Paul Eisenman, PER
(eisenmanpaul@gmail.com)
- Chaplain.....Bonnie Waters
(bonnie.waters@paloaltoelks.org)
- Inner Guard.....Stephen Friedman
(stephenfriedman@gmail.com)

Board of Trustees

- 1 Year Trustee.....Dave Matson
(david.matson@paloaltoelks.org)
- 2 Year Trustee.....April Heron
(april.heron@paloaltoelks.org)
- 3 Year Trustee..Varun Gopalakrishna, COB
(varun.g@paloaltoelks.org)
- 4 Year Trustee.....Charles Cullen
(charlie.cullen@paloaltoelks.org)
- 5 Year Trustee.....John Harrington
(john.harrington@paloaltoelks.org)

House Committee

- Amy Love, PER
- Krista Kobeski, Chairman
- Gayle McDowell
- Sarah Parks
- Phil Tomac
- Geoff Williamson

**House Committee Member's
Group Email Address:**
house@paloaltoelks.org

Upcoming Lodge Events



GINGERBREAD House Decorating Party

DECEMBER 14

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Gather your friends and family for a delightful afternoon of creative confections with a special visit from Santa. Advance sales of \$20 per gingerbread house. Includes all decorations.



scan to buy tickets



Buy tickets at paloaltoelks.org/events





PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE PRESENTS



Virtual GIVING TREE

This year, we're collaborating with Family Giving Tree for a Holiday Wish Drive to provide gifts to children in foster care, those with disabilities, and kids facing homelessness.

Our drive will be running until January 15

Giving is easy! Just go to

<https://wishdrive.org/paloaltoelkslodge>

Or scan QR to give!

Take a gift card from our giving tree in the lobby, send a gift, and give the card to a friend to help a child!



Any questions please contact Karen Fitzpatrick in the front office.



Palo Alto Elks Lodge Presents

ELKS ANNUAL HOOP SHOOT 12-20-2025



Fletcher Middle School, 655 Arastradero Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94306

SHOW UP 15 MINUTES EARLY TO REGISTER

YOUTH AGED 8-13 ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE HOOP SHOOT, A FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS TO SHOWCASE THEIR FREE THROW SKILLS. COMPETITIONS WILL INCLUDE THREE AGE GROUPS FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS.



CONTESTANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 8 AND NO OLDER THAN 13 AS OF APRIL 1, 2025, IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.

- BOYS 8-9 10:00 - 11:15
- BOYS 10-11 11:15 - 12:30
- BOYS 12-13 12:30 - 1:45
- GIRLS 10-11 1:45 - 3:00
- GIRLS 8 - 9 1:45 - 3:00
- GIRLS 12 - 13 3:00 - 4:00

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE

BOOK CLUB

DECEMBER SUNDAY THE 14TH @ 7:00 PM

DECEMBER BOOK- BROOKLYN: A NOVEL - (COLM TOIBIN)



paloaltoelks.org/events

jolly corks bar

Palo Alto Elks Lodge Presents

Holiday Movie Night



Friday, December 5
6:30 PM Start Time
in the Grand Ballroom.

Kick off the holidays right with one of the best family holiday films ever made!
Bring your friends!



Scan to RSVP



RSVP at paloaltoelks.org



Happy Holidays

December Birthdays



It's your special day, and we're ready to celebrate in style! Join us at the Jolly Corks Bar during your birthday month and let us treat you to a free drink on the house! Just flash your membership card to our friendly staff, and they'll take care of the rest.

Let's raise a glass to you and the amazing year ahead! See you at the Jolly Corks Bar for some birthday fun!

Judith Abbott
 Karim Arsalane
 Mary Clark Bartlett
 Robert Beckstrom
 Ekta Bhargava
 Ruth Bryson
 Tom Burns
 William Jack Cabaness
 Belinda Cairns
 Lawrence Castelli
 Alexander Chalfin
 Paul Chang
 Denise Ching
 Jennifer Chu
 Andrew Dobrov
 Britt Eason
 Lynette Lee Eng
 Raymond Estonina
 Dawn Farhi
 Lihua Gu
 Gina Haney

Stephen Harrington
 Scott Hobin
 I-Zu Huang
 Victoria Johnson
 PER Donna Keiffer
 Krista Kobeski
 Alan Leban
 Tatiana Loops
 John Lowney
 Tom Lynch
 Seth Mallory
 Rajesh Manglore
 Peter Meyn
 Vibhu Mittal
 Linda Monterrey
 Donald Morey
 Alan Ng
 Queenie Zee Ng
 Michael Nordhausen
 Lillian Pickering
 Leslie Proceviat

Benjamin Purser
 Yousaf Qalinle
 Lon Reneau
 Philip Reuther
 Carmen Rosas
 Cindy Samos
 Rodney Satterthwaite
 Jim Scholz
 Pankaj Sethi
 Kathryn Shugart
 Jessica Stolbach
 Brian Thom
 Stephanie Tramz
 Neil Buda Vachharajani
 Rebecca Van Duyne
 Steve Varga
 Kevin Wang
 Kevin Y. Wang
 Florina Xhabija
 Annie Yau-Young



BISTRO



Dinner Specials
Wednesday - Friday
 5pm - 8pm



LODGE HOURS

Lodge Hours

Monday-Sunday (6am - 9pm)

Lodge Office Hours

Monday-Friday (12-4pm)

Elks Application Drop Offs

Monday-Friday (12-4pm)

Jolly Corks Members Bar

Monday-Friday (3-9pm)

Saturday & Sunday (1-9pm)

Bistro Kitchen (inside)

Mon & Tue (Limited)

Soup & Sandwiches Available

Wed thru Fri (3pm - 8pm)

Dinner Specials & Full Menu

Sat & Sun (1pm - 8pm) Full Menu

Gym & Racquetball Hours

Monday-Sunday (6am - 9pm)

Pool Hours

Monday-Sunday (6am - 9pm)

Lap Swim (6am - 11am)

Open Swim (11am - 9pm)

Billiard Room Hours

Monday-Sunday (4-9pm)



December Dinner Specials

WED - FRI
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

EVERY MONDAY IN DECEMBER IS SPAGHETTI NIGHT!

(1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH)

SPAGHETTI PRIMAVERA OR BOLOGNESE SERVED WITH GARLIC BREAD
PRICE \$13.00 PLUS TAX

DECEMBER 3 - 5, 2025

GRILLED RIBEYE WITH CABERNET & MUSHROOM REDUCTION
WITH ROASTED FINGERLING POTATOES & GARLICKY GREEN BEANS
PRICE \$32.00 PLUS TAX

DECEMBER 10 - 12, 2025

POMEGRANATE GLAZED CHICKEN QUARTER
WITH ROASTED RAINBOW CARROTS & CREAMY MASHED POTATOES
PRICE \$26.00 PLUS TAX

DECEMBER 17 - 19, 2025

HERB CRUSTED PAN SEARED SALMON
WITH CHARDONNAY BUTTER SAUCE WITH SAUTEED
WINTER VEGETABLES & CLASSIC RICE PILAF
PRICE \$28.00 PLUS TAX

FRIDAY DECEMBER 26TH & JANUARY 2ND

PRIME RIB FRENCH DIP SANDWICH
SERVED WITH FRENCH FRIES, AU JUS & HORSERADISH CREAM
PRICE \$28.00 PLUS TAX

NO DINNER SPECIALS ON DECEMBER 24TH, 25TH, 31ST OR JANUARY 1ST AS THE
BISTRO & BAR ARE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

RSVP AT PALOALTOELKS.ORG

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**

SCAN TO RSVP





CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

Veterans Day Dinner





CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

A Memorial to Honor Our Departed. Raise a glass to our absent Members.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has designated the first Sunday in December as a solemn day to remember and honor our departed members. On this day, our Lodge officers conduct a memorial service for families and friends to pay tribute to those who have passed this year.

This year, we honor the lives of:

- *Terry Ward*
- *Thomas Moyer*
- *T R Fisher*
- *Grant Lindholm*
- *Brendon Vining*
- *Tom McCarthy*
- *Mike Davidson*
- *Mark Kousnetz*
- *John Harpootlian*
- *Tarvo Jurima*

The service focuses on the core principles of our Order: charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. Through prayers and a heartfelt lesson, we will reflect on the importance of love and reverence.

Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.

They are all dearly missed!

Employee Holiday Bonus Fund

As we head into the holiday season, let us remember the spirit of giving. We're filled with gratitude for the countless ways our dedicated staff of more than 30 contributes to our Lodge. Their hard work, commitment, and friendly faces make our Lodge a welcoming and enjoyable place for all.

To express our appreciation, we have launched our annual holiday bonus fund to provide a special gift to each of our employees. Your generous donation will directly contribute to brightening their holiday season and recognizing their invaluable contributions.

Your support will not only make a difference in their lives but will also strengthen the sense of community that defines our Lodge.

Please consider donating <https://www.paloaltoelks.org/donate>





CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America



Welcome New Members

On behalf of the entire Palo Alto Elks Lodge, I'd like to give a warm welcome to our newest members! We're thrilled to have you as part of our lodge.

Please don't hesitate to introduce yourselves to any member you see around the lodge. We're a friendly bunch, and we're always excited to meet new faces.

Tips for New/All Members

- Attend Lodge meetings (2nd and 4th Thursday of the month)
- Sponsor a New Member
- Become a Volunteer, join a committee
- Attend Lodge Social Events, get to know our community

Guest Fee Structure

For the 2025-26 Membership Year athletic guest fees will be \$20.00 per adult. This fee is in place for both non-athletic members and guests of the lodge. Every adult guest pass will include complimentary access for up to two children. A \$5.00 fee will apply for any additional children visiting as guests of the lodge.



Warmly Welcoming New Faces



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CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS MAJOR PROJECT, INC.

Since 1950

Elks Program For Children With Disabilities



PRESS RELEASE

CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS MAJOR PROJECT, INC.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

For the academic year 2026-2027 the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Board of Trustees will offer over \$60,000 in undergraduate educational scholarships.

During the years in which this annual scholarship assistance competition has been in existence, the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities has increased from five scholarships of \$1,000 each to twenty to thirty scholarships of \$1,000 - \$3,000 each. Scholarship recipients can reapply each year. If qualified, they can receive up to a total of four years of assistance.

This scholarship is a financial needs-based and academic use scholarship. It is intended for undergraduate work at a licensed vocational school, accredited community college, or four-year college. The funds are to cover academic expenses, which include tuition, books, lab fees and on-campus room and board only.


Individuals applying must be a United States citizen and a resident of California or Hawaii; have a physical impairment, neurological impairment, visual impairment, hearing impairment, and/or speech-language disorder; and be a senior in high school, a high school graduate, or have passed the General Educational Development (GED) Examination or California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE).

The Scholarship Committee of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. will review applications. All persons involved will be notified of the results.

Applications for the 2026-2027 academic year will be available after November 15, 2025 from the Elks website at www.chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships. Please obtain an application packet that is designated for the approaching academic year. The applicant is responsible for properly executing and forwarding the completed application to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

Applications should be postmarked on or before March 15, 2026 and received in the office of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project in Fresno by April 1, 2026.


5450 East Lamona Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727-2224
(559) 255-4531 • FAX (559) 456-2659 • E-mail: chea@chea-elks.org



SUNDAY FOOTBALL AT THE LODGE

GAME DAY GAME ON

✓ GOOD FRIENDS
✓ COLD DRINKS
✓ WINGS



COME REPRESENT YOUR TEAM
OR JUST COME AND HANG OUT
WITH FRIENDS



**PALO ALTO
ELKS**

WINTER HOURS


**BAR: MONDAY - FRIDAY - 3 TO 9 PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 1 TO 9 PM**

**BISTRO: MONDAY & TUESDAY - 3 TO 8 PM
LIMITED (SOUP AND SANDWICHES)**

**WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY - 3 TO 8 PM
(DINNER SPECIALS & FULL MENU)**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 1 TO 8 PM
(FULL MENU)**

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MAHJONG MADNESS


Party

EVERY FRIDAY
IN THE CARD ROOM

3PM - 6PM

READY TO DIVE INTO THE MAGICAL WORLD
OF MAHJONG OR ALREADY A SEASONED
PRO? THIS NIGHT IS YOUR GOLDEN TICKET!

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Proposed Members

Membership Applications received from the following:

Name	Occupation	Proposer
Amy Dai	Software Engineer	Gayle McDowell #014575
Donnelly Kinne	N/A	Ted Simon #012543
Cynthia Reis	Administrator	Gayle McDowell #014575
Palo Tung	Self Employed	Gayle McDowell #014575

Brian Tupper transferred from Redwood City Lodge



Palo Alto Elks Lodge


Employee Holiday Fund

Leave a one-time donation to show your appreciation



Donations Accepted:
November 1 - December 25

Thank You For Your Generosity!



Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara & San Mateo Counties is the trusted leader dedicated to ending local hunger. We distribute nutritious food. A record number of kids, families and seniors rely on Second Harvest for food every month, and the number is growing. Imagine the pain of not being able to feed your family, or going to school on an empty stomach. But the reality is more than 1 in 4 people is at risk of hunger in Silicon Valley. We believe everyone should be able to get the nutritious food they need to thrive. We rely on our community's help in everything we do. **Please visit <http://www.shfb.org> - Please HELP Those in Need!!**




December Lodge Meetings

**Lodge Meetings 7:00 pm
Thursday, December 11th**

**House Committee 6:00 pm
Monday, December 15th**

**Board of Trustees 6:00 pm
Tuesday, December 16th**

Spangler Mortuary

Los Altos
399 San Antonio Rd.
(650) 948-6619
License #927

Mountain View
799 Castro St.
(650) 967-5546
License #579

Sunnyvale
174 N. Sunnyvale Avenue
(408) 736-6294
License #910

Membership Box Score

Members as of April 1, 2025.....	776
Initiated.....	47
Affiliated.....	1
Reinstated.....	7
Total Added.....	55
Non-Payment of Dues.....	97
Transfer Dimits.....	1
Absolute Dimits.....	0
Deaths.....	5
Total Lost.....	103
Members as of October 30, 2025.....	728
Loss.....	48

TEEN CARDS

Teen cards are available free of charge for any child of a member between the ages of 16 - 21 years old. Swing by the pool shack (10:30 am - 6:30 pm) or main office (12:00 pm - 4:00 pm) for an application if your child is in need of their own access card! A gentle reminder that card sharing is not permitted.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	1 Spaghetti Night Primavera or Bolognese 5-8:00	2	3 Dinner Special Grilled Ribeye with Cabernet Mushroom Sauce 5-8:00	4 Dinner Special Grilled Ribeye with Cabernet Mushroom Sauce 5-8:00	5 Mahjong 3-6:00 Dinner Special Grilled Ribeye 5-8:00 Holiday Movie Elf Starts at 6:30	6 Billiards Night 5-7:00
7 Elks Annual Memorial Service at 11:00	8 Spaghetti Night Primavera or Bolognese 5-8:00	9	10 Dinner Special Pomegranate Glazed Chicken Quarter 5-8:00	11 Dinner Special Pomegranate Glazed Chicken Quarter 5-8:00 Lodge Meeting at 7:00	12 Mahjong 3-6:00 Dinner Special Pomegranate Glazed Chicken Quarter 5-8:00	13 Billiards Night 5-7:00
14 Gingerbread House Party 3-5:00 pm Book Club at 7:00	15 Spaghetti Night 5-8:00 House Committee Mtg at 6:00	16 Trustee Meeting at 6:00	17 Dinner Special Herb Crusted Pan Seared Salmon 5-8:00	18 Dinner Special Herb Crusted Pan Seared Salmon 5-8:00	19 Mahjong 3-6:00 Dinner Special Herb Crusted Pan Seared Salmon 5-8:00	20 Hoop Shoot 10:00 am Billiards Night 5-7:00
21	22 Spaghetti Night Primavera or Bolognese 5-8:00	23	24 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	25 Merry Christmas Hanukkah Begins Lodge Closed	26 Mahjong 3-6 Dinner Special Prime Rib French Dip Sandwich 5-8:00 KWANZAA Begins	27 Billiards Night 5-7:00
28	29 Spaghetti Night Primavera or Bolognese 5-8:00	30	31 New Year's Eve Lodge Closed	Jan 1st HAPPY NEW YEAR Lodge Closed	Jan 2nd Mahjong 3-6 Dinner Special French Dip Sandwich 5-8:00	

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Elks
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2025



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PAID
Palo Alto, Calif.
Permit No. 3

Dated Material
Time Value

Return Service Requested

Sea Scouts Christmas Tree Lot

Palo Alto Little League Middlefield Park
3672 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Delivery Available
Please Call (650) 493-6614



Hours Open:
Mon - Fri 11am - 9pm
Sat & Sun 9am - 9pm

[instagram.com/seascoutchristmastrees](https://www.instagram.com/seascoutchristmastrees)